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In re Application of: Douglas ALLARD

Serial No.: 10/053,978

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: CHITOSAN ENHANCED
DEWATERING BAG

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11533.0024.NPUS00

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED FEBRUARY 14, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

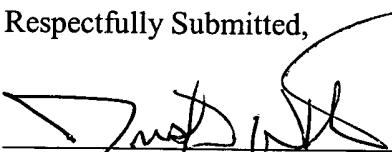
This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application--
Filing Date Granted, dated **February 14, 2002** and having a period for response that expired on
April 15, 2002. A Petition for extending this period for response four months to August 14, 2002
accompanies this response. In response to this Notice, please find enclosed herewith:

- (a) Notice of Correction of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 noting the removal of John Macpherson as a named inventor;
- (b) Copy of an original Declaration signed by remaining inventor Douglas Allard;
- (c) Copy of an original Power of Attorney;
- (d) Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application-Filing Date Granted;
- (e) Petition for Extension of Time of four months to August 14, 2002. Should such a request be absent, please consider this the request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 as stated below;
- (f) Check in the amount of \$785.00 to cover the small entity amounts for a late filing declaration surcharge (\$65.00) and a four month extension of time fee (\$720.00); and
- (g) Return receipt postcard.

An Assignment conveying the full interest in this Application is filed herewith under separate cover. If the foregoing check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing Docket No. 11533.0024.NPUS00. If there are any questions or matters that may be resolved or clarified through telephone interview, the undersigned attorney may be contacted at (650) 463-8281.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: July 24, 2002



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Date Mailed: 02/14/2002

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)*****Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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NOTICE OF CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48

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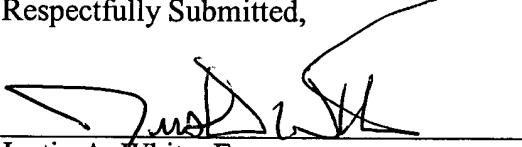
Notice is hereby provided that the inventorship as set forth in this application and accompanying papers as filed was in error, as John Macpherson is not an inventor for this application. The actual inventorship for this application consists of Douglas Allard as sole inventor. A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 naming only Douglas Allard as inventor accompanies this Notice. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(f)(1), it is believed that this Declaration automatically operates to correct the erroneous earlier identification of inventorship. Should a request to correct inventorship be deemed required nevertheless, then such request is hereby made. As a result of this correction, all other papers from this date forward shall be designated as "In re Application of: Douglas ALLARD."

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Notice. Should any such fee be required, however, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fee from Deposit

Account No. 08-3038, referencing Docket No. 11533.0024.NPUS00. If additional information is required, or there are any questions or matters that may be resolved or clarified through telephone interview, the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number listed below.

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